# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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LAND TO PETROL PUMP/LPG AGENCIES TO KIN OF KARGIL MARTYRS
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the plans of the Government to rehabilitate the next of kin of Kargilmartyrs by giving them petrol pumps and cooking gas agencies has hit a bump on account of non-availability of land;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any serious steps to acquire the land for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in acquiring the land even after one year?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): Under the special scheme of the Government for allotment of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) and LPG distributorships to the widows/next of kin of the defence personnel killed in action in `Operation Vijay` (Kargil), while 197 retail outlet dealerships and 115 LPG distributorships allotted to the beneficiaries have been commissioned, 21 and 6 cases of allotment of such dealerships and distributorships respectively could not be commissioned for want of land. Apart from regular monitoring of these cases, the efforts made by the Government and the oil companies concerned to acquire land include writing to the State Governments concerned at different levels, visits by the officers of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the oil companies to the State capitals to discuss the bottlenecks with and seek assistance from the State Government officers, close follow-up of the cases by the oil companies, etc.